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Dahlias of Value



MARY TALLMADGE

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Torrington West Street

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Torrington, Conn.



Greetings

To Our Friends of the Dahlia:—

Another Spring has arrived and the time to look over your stock and place orders for some of the newer ones. Between the covers you will find valuable information regarding quality and price in this our sixth catalogue which we are presenting for your inspection.

Orders for roots are carefully selected and packed for shipment with a guarantee that they are true to name and growing conditions at time of delivery.

Inspect our garden and see thousands of roots growing with a mass of color.

Again, we thank you for your past patronage and hope that we may again have the pleasure of serving you.

Very truly yours,

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General List of Dahlias

FEW OF THE LATER INTRODUCTIONS

Mary Tallmadge —(Peck-Alling) (I. D.) It is difficult these days to get a variety which is distinct or an improvement in color over existing varieties. This is decidedly different, being a peculiar old rose shaded mulberry pink with a smoky overcast. The growing habits are ideal, long stems, strong plants with heavy leaf resisting foliage. It may be grown as large as the best of them and the blooms are produced freely	Roots \$10.00	Plants \$5.00
Barbara Ann —(I. D.) This bi-color flower is uniform in size and marking. Every plant is crowded with bloom and makes an outstanding attraction. Deep rose red with white tips; 6-7 inches in diameter; 4-5 inches deep without any disbudding		\$ 5.00
Rex —(I. D.) A combination of buff and light golden yellow, suffused with peach pink and golden sheen. The long petals face outwards making a very artistic bloom 10-12 inches in diameter, 5-7 inches deep on strong stems.		\$7.50
Jessica Dragonette —(Semi Cac.) The color chart shows the color to be picric yellow, suffused with Venetian pink. However, a description which we think more readily visualized would be peach and cream with a shading of deeper pink on the reverse of the petals		\$ 3.00
Hunt's Velvet Wonder —(I. D.) Color is violet-purple and burgundy to true purple. Blooms are large deep and massive	\$ 3.00	

FORMAL DECORATIVE

Alice Stellick —(F. D.) Color is rich scarlet and pure, glistening white, each color being most sharply divided. Good long stems	\$.75
Altamont —(F. D.) This dahlia is one of the strongest growers with a good long stem. The color is a beautiful shade of cerise	\$.50
Bashful Giant —Dec.—Very free-blooming dahlia of apricot and buff shades. Good strong grower	\$.35
Blue Jersey —This is a true sport of the well known Jersey Beauty and has all its fine traits. Color is orchid lavender making it a very nice cut flower variety	\$.50
Dakota —Dec.—A dahlia of deep rich bronze, with shadings of gold passed in color	\$.35
Doris Fellows —Dec.—This new variety from the northwest, of a pleasing combination of orange, salmon and amber, with a very erect stem	\$.35
Dr. John H. Carman —Dec.—The color of this large glorious flower of bright tyrian rose. An exhibition variety and addition to any garden	\$.50

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Dwight Morrow —(F. D.) Blooms medium to large. Color a rich crimson red. Stem good, except in extremely hot weather. A very graceful and beautiful dahlia—10 inches in diameter	\$.50
E. C. Bull —Dec.—A pleasing fine waxy white. Free flowering and a good keeper	\$.35
Elite Glory —Dec.—A dahlia that has had long run of popularity and still good. Color rich red. Blooms large of good form and held erect on long stiff stems	\$.50
Emily's Scarlet —Dec.—A pleasing dahlia in the garden. Just a little different. The rich coloring makes it a special appeal to all	\$.50
Florence Roberts —Dec.—The color is snow white. Flowers eight inches in diameter, petals split on ends; very free flowering. This dahlia has the finest wiry stems and is a very good bloomer	\$ 1.00
Glory of New Haven —Dec.—This huge pinkish mauve dahlia you should not be without. Very free blooming	\$.35
Ida Perkins —A very free blooming flower on large bushy plants	\$.35
Jersey Beacon —Dec.—Thick and heavy flowers of enormous size, carried on strong stems. Chinese scarlet with lighter reverse	\$.35
Jersey Beauty —Dec.—These flowers are a lovely pink shaded chamois. Free blooming, long stems and always fully double	\$.50
Jean Hare —Cac.—Huge exhibition blooms of apricot and golden bronze on extra strong plants	\$.50
Kaweah —An enormous flower of a rich fuschia shade. This dahlia is found to be very popular	\$ 2.00
Le Grand Manitour —(Dec.) A very large dahlia on a good stem. Color, purple streaked and mottled with crimson.	\$.35
Marjorie Pratt —A very large dahlia free blooming with good stems Color tyrian red	\$.50
Man of War —Dec.—Large dark blood red blossom with a good stiff stem, very desirable	\$.50
Mary Alice Krouser —Semi Cac.—A semi cactus, apricot orange. Flowers about seven inches. Grows about five feet bringing an abundance of flowers on a wire like stem	\$ 2.00
Molly Shepard —Color is a bright cherry red slightly deeper at the center. Free blooming on good stems	
	Roots \$ 1.00 Plants \$.50
Monmouth Champion —Dec.—Bright orange scarlet blooms. Flowers very freely on strong vigorous plants; of enormous size measuring nine to thirteen inches across	\$.75
Mrs. Charles Blackstone —Dec.—Has enormous perfect double flowers and broad petals of pale lemon yellow carried on long stiff stems. Very free blooming	\$ 2.00
Mrs. George Skene —A handsome flower. Color "Dapne Red" Vigorous grower, free bloomer on good stems	\$ 1.00
Mrs. I. De Ver Warner —Dec.—One of the finest varieties. Soft orchid on deep mauve pink	\$.35

Mrs. Isabel Hughes —Dec.—Flowers of large size of a beautiful combination of orange, red and yellow. A very profuse bloomer of good growth. Would make a good show flower....	\$.50
Nanaquaket —Dec.—A shell pink with very good flowering habit ..	\$.35
Nancy Sue Lang —Dec.—A color combination of red, copper and old gold. Possesses a good strong stem	\$ 1.00
Orchid Lady —Dec.—A new dahlia of great merit for all purposes. Average diameter twelve inches. Wiry stems and a fine keeper when cut. The color is clear lavender or according to Ridgeway's list, tyrian purple	\$ 1.00
Oriental Glory —Dec.—light cadmium orange shaded with dark cadmium orange reverse scarlet, which color shows at the center. Good stiff stems	\$ 1.00
Porthos —Dec.—Large round flower of a sparkling deep red color. A strong grower of upright habit and profuse blooming	\$.35
Priscilla —Very pale lilac dahlia with a good stem	\$.50
Princess Pat —Smoky old rose and pink. Free blooming and good keeper	\$.50
Purity —Dec.—One of the best whites which is a very free blooming on good strong plants. Color a pure white	\$.35
Queen of the Garden —(F. D.) It is a large primrose yellow with a good strong stem	\$.50
Rockley Moon —(F. D.) The color is clear bright yellow and the blooms are produced on long erect stems. Flowers are large and the plants are tall, vigorous growers	\$ 1.00
Rose Fallon —Dec.—Wonderful flowers of enormous size held upright on straight, strong and stiff stems. The color is rich old gold	\$.35
Robert Treat —Dec.—American beauty rose color. One of the largest we grow, and in spite of the size and depth is held well aloft on good strong stems	\$.50
Rudee Vallee —Dec.—Chrome yellow at center, graduating to grenadine red. Good stiff tems	\$ 2.00
Sanko —The flowers of this variety presents a fluffy chrysanthemum appearance. Strong cane like stems. Color pearly white at base of petals shaded on overcast of delicate silvery pink	\$ 1.00
Shahrazed —In California known as the pink Jane Cowl. A huge deep pink of good substance and depth on an excellent strong stem	\$.75
Tan Jersey —Sport of the Jersey Beauty and is a good dahlia for cut flower variety being of tan color, with strong stems	\$.50
The Spirit of St. Louis —(Dec.) It is the nearest to a true American Beauty Rose color as we have seen. A superb flower of wonderful beauty and one we are pleased to recommend	\$.35
The Emperor —(Dec.) The color of this fine dahlia is a deep maroon with cane like stems	\$.50
Thomas Edison —Dec.—A very large flower. Color of glorious bright tyrian rose, royal purple with a rich brilliant finish on good strong stems	\$.75

Treasure Island —Dec.—Another introduction that does particularly well during the draught. A bright autumn shade combination of apricot and gold with a rose suffusion. Flowers are held erect on stiff stems	\$.50
The World —Dec.—The coloring is unusual rich deep rosy magenta overlaid garnet with silver shadings on edges of petals. Stems strong and stiff	\$.75
Wm. H. Hogan —Dec.—Color, garnet red with white tips running down the center of the petals. Stems stiff and straight	\$.75
White King —This dahlia is a sport of the Francis La Rocco and its color is snow white with a good strong straight stem making it a wonderful cut flower.....	\$.50
White Wonder —A very large white sometimes called the white Fort Monmouth. A deep flower with pointed petals. A big producer of roots as well as flowers	\$ 1.50
W. H. T. —Rich old rose or begonia rose with mauve shades on reverse of petals. Petals are thick and of great substance opening back to the stem making a deep flower	\$.75
Yankee King —Large blooms of coppery rose and old gold. A rank vigorous grower with long stems	\$.50
Yankee Queen —A beautiful clear pink. A fine cut flower free blooming on a very good stem	\$.50

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

Andrea Ericson —Dec.—The color is of a pure white. Held on excellent stiff stems, a very free bloomer	\$ 1.00
Aunt Nell —An informal decorative with very attractive coloring of copper and bronze combination	\$.50
Avalon —Dec.—This dahlia is of a clear canary yellow color. Centers full. Long erect stiff stems	\$.50
Dee Lighted —Very large pure white with an erect straight stem \$	.35
Dixie Ravenscroft —(I. Dec.) A large cheerful bloom of bright orange and the face with a reverse of lemon and golden yellow	\$ 1.50
Eliza London Shepard —The rich coloring of this dahlia makes it very attractive. Bright golden orange apricot so blended that it makes a one-tone spectacular flower which are borne on long stiff stems	\$.50
Forest Fire —Dec.—A dahlia that is decidedly different. Brilliant scarlet flame with gold shadings. Stems heavy and strong	\$.500
Fort Monmouth —Dec.—A giant dahlia which more than made good. A rich crimson maroon shading to a violet at tips of the petals. Good stems and an excellent keeper	\$.75
Fort Washington —Dec.—A strong growing plant, with immense blooms of good deep velvety maroon	\$.75
Francis Larocco —Dec.—This might best be termed as a cream yellow cut-flower, as is Jersey Beauty a pink. It is of medium size, has fine stems and the flowers are of that hard waxy texture which stands shipping well	\$.35

Grace Curling —Dec.—A charming flower of bright lilac with a trace of white at the base of petals, which are cleft, adding interest to the form. It is suitable for exhibiting, and attractive in the garden	\$.75
Heatherbloom —(I. D.) The formation of this variety resembles a large recurved chrysanthemum. The color is a rich, rosy purple with heavy shading of white	\$ 1.50
Jane Cowl —Dec.—This wonderful dahlia has been a success wherever grown. Color, a warm buff and old gold, blending to apricot and rose at the center	\$.50
Jane Ross —Dec.—Purple crimson, shaded violet and overlaid with maroon sheen. Stem long and strong	\$ 2.50
Kathleen Norris —Dec.—The outstanding color of this dahlia is a two-tone rose pink, deepening to a mellow pink, with the central petals of lighter shade overlapping each other. Held erect on long stiff stems	\$ 1.50
King Midas —Dec.—A gorgeous golden yellow decorative. Splendid variety on a perfect stem	\$.50
La Fiester —A prize winner. Color, butter cup yellow penciled red. Blooms strong on good stiff stems. Flowers from 12 to 8 inches in diameter	Roots \$ 1.50
Margaret Woodrow Wilson —Dec.—Large opalescent pink on good stem. Very desirable	\$.50
Myra Howard —Dec.—Just naturally a large dahlia, of saffron gold. Your garden cannot be complete without it	\$ 1.50
Murphy's Masterpiece —Dec.—Deep dark red shading toward crimson. The world's greatest red. Stem and foliage splendid	\$ 2.50
Prince of Persia —Dec.—A very striking bright red exhibition dahlia of the most iridescence rich glowing, cardinal red. The petals are of great depth making a very attractive flower	\$ 2.00
Papillon —Dec.—A large dahlia of coral on gold which gives a salmon pink or two-tone effect	\$.50
Ralph H. Blodgett —Dec.—Color of a deep orange with a slight suffusion of red tipped white	\$.35
Richard Diener —Dec.—Golden orange, iridescent, about ten inches in size, on wire like stems, carrying the flowers very gracefully	\$ 1.50
Star Of Bethlehem —This star like white flower attracts much attention. Color is pure white. Stems are erect and plants make good growth	\$ 1.00
The World's Best White —Dec.—Plants are strong, thrifty growing and bear big blooms freely from early to late	\$.50



All those interested in Dahlias are invited to join the American Dahlia Society. Bulletins, published quarterly which contain much interesting dahlia news. Yearly dues, \$2.00 Address:—C. Louis Alling, Secretary, 251 Court street, West Haven, Conn.

CACTUS AND SEMI CACTUS

Adda Patterson —Cac.—Resembles a large, shaggy chrysanthemum rather than a dahlia. The color is the clearest snow white. Free in blooming	\$.50
Alice Whittier —Cac.—A large and showy semi-cactus dahlia with lovely blooms of a rich primrose color	\$.50
Amelia Earhart —Semi Cac.—Apricot Buff, with salmon tints shading to a soft yellow at base of petals. Large blooms on excellent stems	\$ 3.00
Attraction —Cac.—A large flowering dahlia on a strong stem with a clear color of lilac-rose	\$.50
Ballet Girl —(Cac.) This dahlia is orange with petals tipped white. Free blooming on a good stem	\$.35
California Enchantress —Cac.—The color is a delicate shade of rose pink to lavender pink with slight blending of white toward center. Making it very beautiful; good erect stems	\$.50
Cheshire —Semi-Cac.—This is an odd dahlia of a red tinged with yellow. Very attractive	\$.75
Cigarette —Semi Cac.—Creamy white, heavily edged orange with color variations. Some flowers come all orange red. Petals are long and narrow, inclined to roll. Good for cutting	\$.50
City of Poughkeepsie —Cac.—The color, deep purple with white tips	\$.50
Countess of Lonsdale —Cac.—Its flowers are produced on long stiff stems, making it very desirable for cut flowers. Salmon-red or cinnamon red	\$.50
Diana Bourbon —Cac.—Flame red. A radiant. Very fine keeping qualities	\$ 1.00
Eagle Rock Wonder —Semi Cac.—Orange, buff tinted coral pink. Very tall, free, and on perfect stems	\$ 1.00
Effective —Cac.—It blossoms continuously and abundantly, making it very desirable. In color it is of the favorite autumn shades, a bright primrose shaded amber	\$.50
Edna Ferber —Cac.—The extreme size and beauty of this flower attracts attention whenever shown. The petals are curled and twisted, forming an extremely full flower. Color, glistening coral shading to old gold at base of petals. A good strong grower with dark green foliage	\$.50
Farnicot —Cac.—An aster purple tipped white. Very fine flower with an excellent stem and desirable keeping quality for exhibitions	\$.50
F. M. Burdick —Semi-Cac.—A large flower of brilliant orange on a fine heavy stem	\$.35
Kiss Me —Semi Cac) A very unusual bi-color of about four inches in diameter. The base color is garnet red with the petal edged and tipped white	\$ 1.00
Madam Caroline Shueman —Cac.—A medium size dahlia of good habits on a good stiff stem. Color of chrome yellow	\$.50
Meridian —Cac.—Clear rose pink with a touch of yellow. A most desirable variety growing directly on top of long stems	\$.50

Peppermint Candy —Semi-Cac.—This is a very odd but attractive cream stripped and splashed carmine	\$.50
Perplexity —Cac.—Flowers of medium size, four inches, of a beautiful purple color. Under good cultivation will bloom fairly well; of tall growth and develops late in the season.....	\$.50
Rene Cayeux —Cac.—It is one of the earliest and most continuous bloomers as well. In color a rich clear glowing red	\$.50
Satan —Dec.—Color, scarlet with yellow on reverse of petals showing at the center as petals unfold. Stems are very long and may need some support in hot weather	\$ 1.50
Sunset Glow —Cac.—Orange scarlet, blending to yellow. A rare shade among dahlias making splendid growth on stiff stems....	\$.50

BALL, PEONY AND SHOW

A. D. Lavonia —(Ball) Soft pink. A very prolific bloomer on a good stem	\$.35
Amanda Houghton —(Ball) This flower is a very beautiful orchid, with a very good stem	\$.50
Amazon —Ball—Red and yellow varigated. A strong grower of the ball type	\$.25
City of Portland —Peony—There is a great demand for large flowers and this is large enough to satisfy most anyone. The color is a fine clear yellow and the stems are long and stiff....	\$.50
Dreer's White —Show—An excellent dahlia for garden effect. Plants strong and vigorous. Color, a pure white	\$.50
D. M. Moore —An old variety that has a distinction of color. Color being of a deep velvety maroon	\$.35
Henrietta Salamander —Ball—This is a very old variety of good habits and of a snow white	\$.35
Mary Helen —Ball—The largest type of ball dahlia with very fine erect stems. The color is clear glistening yellow	\$.50
Mrs. C. D. Anderson —Ball—One of the most attractive dahlias in the garden. A giant crimson-purple, described by many a deep red. Perfect formation, long stiff stems	\$.50
Supt. Amrhyn —Ball—Clear rose pink. Fine blooms on good stems and very showy in any garden	\$.35
W. W. Rawson —(Ball) The color of this dahlia is white, overlaid with amethyst blue	\$.50



BABY ROYAL

MINIATURE DAHLIAS

Baby Royal —(S. C.)	Salmon shaded apricot. A gold medal winner in England and one of the best of this type	\$.75
Blackie —Min.—	One of the darkest we have and is of the miniature type. Color is a very dark maroon with a tip of white on one or two petals	\$.25
Fedora —(Dec.)	Cerise-salmon and gold. Blooms early and freely	\$.50
Pink Pearl —	A miniature informal decorative, but soon develops into a small perfect peony type. Color pure rose pink. An exquisite variety most suitable for table decorations	\$.50
Red Head —(Dec.)	A charming fiery scarlet variety which resembles a rose bud when partly open. Dainty and ideal for decorations	\$.75
Teddy Johnson —Min.—	Of the miniature type, white tipped with deep pink free-blooming, on good stems	\$.50
The Sentinel —(Dec.)	1933 Introduction. Ox-blood red about 2½ inches in diameter. Very free flowering and a long keeper when cut	\$.50

SINGLE DAHLIAS—Large or Century Type

Cream Century —	Creamy white. Long stems and free flowering.	\$....50
Jessie —	The best pure white. Large size with long erect stems ..	\$.50
Praince Ferdinand of Bulgaria —	Dwarf single. Scarlet and white. Lovely ferny or cut leaf foliage. Splendid border variety	\$.50
Scarlet Century —	Deep, rich velvety scarlet red	\$.75



POMPON DAHLIAS

Admiral Dot —White, tinged with lavender	\$.25
Amber Queen —Flowers are of rich amber, shaded apricot	\$.25
Amelia —Lavender pink, large	\$.25
Atom —Bright orange flowers of a rich shade, regular in form. One of the smallest pompon	\$.35
Baby —A tiny yellow tinted red	\$.25
Brunette —Crimson marked with white, never two blooms alike	\$.25
Bob White —White, cream center	\$.35
Clarissa —Primrose	\$.35
Darkest of All —(Pom.) The color is nearly what might be called a black	\$.50
Darkeye —White, ground, tipped lavender	\$.25
Darkness —Deep maroon. One of the darkest we have.....	\$.35
Dee Dee —A pure lavender with a good stem	\$.35
Etta —Crimson with deep white edges	\$.35
Fashion —Small orange	\$.25
Frau Dr. Knabbe —High built bloom of flesh pink	\$.25
Goldilocks —A pure gold	\$.25
Helen Anita —Small lavender with white center	\$.35

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Jessica —Amber and salmon with a tint of red	\$.25
Joe Fetta —Glistening pure white	\$.25
Johnnie —Small, dark red, rich in color	\$.35
Kitty Barrett —Golden yellow, edged reddish purple	\$.35
Lassie —Yellow base with rose band and tip on each petal	\$.35
Little Mabel —Amber shaded apricot	\$.25
Little David —The deepest shade of orange, small and perfect	\$.35
Little Jennie —A fine shade of clear rich primrose	\$.25
Mary —Pure mauve with lilac center	\$.25
Rosa —A charming flower of bluish lilac	\$.35
Pride —Deep, rich red	\$.35
Raider —Light creamy yellow, with the faintest pink edge	\$.35
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Yellow Gem —Creamy yellow, small and fine form	\$.25

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Grace Curling	\$.75
Thomas Edison75
Andrea Ericson	1.00
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Wm. H. Hogan75
Myra Howard	1.50
Amelia Earhart	2.00
Mrs. C. D. Anderson50

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Number Two

Jersey Beauty	\$.50
Nanaquaket35
Francis LaRocco35
Rose Fallon35
Ida Perkins .....	.35
Yankee Queen .....	.50
Bashful Giant .....	.35
City of Poughkeepsie .....	.50
E. L. Shepard .....	.50
Jane Cowl .....	.50

Cat. Value \$4.25

10 Roots Price \$3.00

Number Three

Amber Queen	\$.25
Brunette .....	.25
Bob White .....	.25
Darkness .....	.35
Honey35
Little David35
Dee Dee35
Amelia25
Etta25
Helen Anita25
Joe Fette25
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Mrs. Leon Douglas —large salmon		.20	.50	4.00
Olive Goodrich —white pink edge		.25	.50	4.00
Orchid Lady —lavender prim		.30	.80	6.00
Osalin —shell pink		.20	.50	4.00
Pride of Wankah —lavender rose		.20	.50	4.00
Princely —white commercial		.20	.50	4.00
Rapture —late salmon		.30	.90	7.50
Toberson —fine late yellow		.30	.60	4.00
W. H. Phipps —fine late pink		.15	.40	3.00



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